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## EDITORIAL COMMENT.

OWING to the force of circumstances which have compelled me to be absent from college for a period, I have felt that it is for the best interests of THE UNDERGRADUATE to resign the position of Editor in favor of Mr. G. B. Horton, who has been my able assistant. Mr. Horton will begin his duties as Editor-in-Chief with the next issue, although the greater part of the work of preparing this number has been performed by him. I hope that the hearty support of both students and alumni will be given him in his efforts to maintain a high standard for THE UNDERGRADUATE and to make it a representative college paper.

S. B. BOTSFORD.

AT no time has Middlebury College had greater reason to be proud of the men in charge of her affairs than at the present The members of our faculty are not only strong in their own departments, but men of broader ideals and greater aggressiveness. They do not proclaim their achievements from the housetop, but their enterprise has been no less marked. Several of our professors are regular contributors or associate editors of leading periodicals, and magazine articles from them are of frequent occurrence. We know of several such articles now in process of preparation. One member of the faculty is actively at work on the translation for publication of a famous classical play, and another is engaged as editor in the revision of one of our leading scientific text-books. Middlebury College makes no uproar over the achievements of her men, but their modesty makes her in no less a degree worthy of a comparison with larger and even more favored institutions.

UNFORTUNATELY for all concerned, there has apparently arisen a feeling that THE UNDERGRADUATE is published by and for the interest of a certain few of the student body. This feeling has shown itself in the lack of support, both literary and financial, "because it would help" some one else. But nothing is more absurd, for though the editorial boards for some time have followed the same line, whose fault is it? Is it the fault of those who are blamed, or of those who thus criticize? The advancement to editorial positions upon this paper are upon a fair basis. The field is open to all, and if one person or class of persons is more successful than another in attaining to that honor, it is solely because their work and interest has been more and better. If any member of the college is dissatisfied with the way THE UNDERGRADUATE is managed, or with the managers, the way to do and the only *manly* way is to put your shoulder to the wheel and attempt a reformation. You stand as good a chance as anyone, and your influence will be as great as anyone's. It is far easier to excuse one's moral laziness by standing upon the outside and making criticisms, but the manly thing to do is to turn in and do *your* part toward making the thing right We know that this is a delicate subject, and perhaps we have been too careless in its treatment, but the present change in affairs invited the discussion, and we sincerely hope that in the future there may be a lack of this most unfair criticism and a greater abundance of interest in what belongs to all and equally pertains to all.

# PRESIDENTIAL EDUCATORS.

## SAMUEL WARD BOARDMAN, D. D., LL.D.

By President J. E. Rankin, D. D., LL.D.

The subject of this sketch was born in Pittsford, Vt., Aug. 31, 1830. He is a descendant in the seventh generation from Samuel Borman, who came from Oxfordshire, England, in 1638 or 1639, and settled temporarily in Ipswich, Mass., and permanently in Wethersfield, Conn., in 1641. Between himself and his descendant of the sixth generation, Samuel Ward Boardman, who came to Pittsford, Vt., in 1817 and in 1823 married Ann Gilbert, a public school teacher like himself, were large families, solid virtues and great honor in church and civil affairs. The father of President Boardman died May 13, 1870. He was an early donor to Middlebury College, where all his four sons were successively honored pupils. He had served the town as selectman, and long the Congregational church as deacon in his later years, and he gave his pen to the eloquent advocacy of the principles of arbitration and peace.

President Boardman fitted for college at Castleton Seminary, to be near which school his father moved to Castleton in 1837. He began the study of Latin at 11; early studied critically the plays of Shakespeare, took a special course in Demosthenes on the Crown and in the Iliad and Odyssey, at the same time acquiring some knowledge of French and German. After four years of conscientious study he at once repaired to Andover Theological Seminary in 1851, though his course was interrupted by parts of two years of service as teacher in Royalton, Vt., Clinton, Mass., 1852, and Castleton Seminary, 1853. At Andover he received literary honors from the Parker Rhetorical Society, and the year before he graduated there delivered the master's oration at his Alma Mater. An unusual number of men who afterwards became distinguished were his seminary classmates, such as President Daniel Bliss, D.D., John Bascom, D.D., LL.D., and Profs. George Mooar and Geo. N. Webber. After supplying the First church in Pittsfield, Mass, during the temporary absence of Dr. John Todd, and pursuing post-graduate studies at New Haven, on April 16, 1857, he was installed pastor of the Congregational church at Norwich, Vt., his brother, Prof. Geo. N. Boardman, preaching the installation sermon. For two and one-half years he had a most successful pastorate, the church experiencing large accessions, especially during the great revival of 1857–58. From this position he was called to succeed his brother, mentioned above, as professor of English literature in Middlebury College. This chair gave him large opportunities to influence a large class of young men, many of whom have made their mark in the different professions, and some of whom gave their lives to their country in the civil war, and some also carried the standard of the Cross to foreign lands.

In 1862 Dr. Boardman was unanimously called to the Second Presbyterian church in Auburn, N. Y., his father-in-law, Rev. David Greene (Yale, 1821), preaching the installation sermon. There he found as professor of theology Rev. Dr. Edwin Hall (1826). During his stay of fifteen years in Auburn about 500 were received into the communion. As chairman of a committee he was very successful in raising funds for the seminary and for Hamilton College. In 1865, while serving the Christian Commission, it fell to Dr. Boardman's lot to preach for President Lincoln's pastor the Sunday after his death, and afterwards to call on the new president with a company of the delegates of the Christian Commission, to whom the president gave assurance that he meant to make "treason odious." Dr. Boardman has been four times a commissioner to the General Assembly, been chairman of important committees, and has served several times as moderator of different synods. In 1877 Dr. Boardman resigned his charge.

After brief but very prosperous labors in Sterling, Ill., Asbury Park and Stanhope, N J., Dr. Boardman was elected president of Maryville College, Tennessee, an institution founded by the Presbyterians in 1819. He was formally inaugurated in September, 1889, his duties being to instruct in ethics, natural theology, economics, international law and kindred subjects. During his administration the Bible has been made a regular text-book; great additions of buildings and other facilities have been made; and the college has been put upon an advanced grade of progress. President Boardman finds time to write for the public press and sometimes to verse.

President Boardman was married Sept. 10, 1857, to Miss Jane Elizabeth Haskell of Wardsboro, Me. Mrs. Boardman died Oct. 29, 1859, preceded by the death of her only child. On May 2, 1861, President Boardman was married to Miss Sarah Elizabeth, third

daughter of Rev. David Greene, ex-secretary of the American Board; her mother being a daughter of Jeremiah Evarts, Esq., also himself a former secretary of the American Board, and a sister of Hon. Wm. M. Evarts. By the second marriage there were nine children, of whom only four are living: Samuel W., Jr., who is a graduate of Maryville (1894) and Harvard (1896); Roger Sherman, Maryville (1896) and Harvard (1898); Miss E. H., a teacher in Woodside Seminary, Hartford, Conn., and Martha Tracy, who is in Maryville College.

President Boardman is a gentleman of broad culture, genuine scholarship, conservative tendencies; a man of kindly sympathies and pleasing address, and a firm believer in Evangelical truth and Evangelical methods. His life's work has been an honor to his Alma Mater, as well as to the sturdy New England stock whose name he bears, and that finds such rich returns in scholarship and character, for its loyalty to truth and righteousness.

## A TALE OF THE SEA.

For days the storm has raged, the maddened ocean beat in wildest fury against the steep, rocky cliffs of Falmouth Heights. Day after day the mournful wailing of the great fog-bell has filled our ears, night after night we have strained our eyes in vain for a glimpse of distant Gay Head Light. Not a vessel dared round that treacherous point, no fisherman put out upon that angry, white-capped deep.

The storm has ceased. Two days ago the "bow of promise" appeared across the sky, and today the gentle breezes scarce drive the sun's fierce heat away; on the sands the fisher-wives are busy collecting seaweed and driftwood, dashed up by the storm; the fishermen are far away; the sea itself, smooth as a mountain lake, smiles in the sunlight; tiny wavelets wash gently on the gleaming rocks; Nature is resting from her labors, and man may breath again, for all is peace.

On the summit of the heights we stand and watch the white-sailed ships appear on the distant horizon. From the parlor of the great hotel come sweet strains of a violin touched by a master hand, and we catch the merry laughter of the bathers on the beach below.

Far out beyond the line her crimson sash betrays a daring swimmer. She took her place at our table for the first time this morning, her eyes bright with happiness, for the ocean is her passion. She is a superb swimmer, and her companions watch with envy those swift, even strokes. Across the water a snowy yacht appears and touches at the pier. We greet it joyously and hasten to its deck, waving our hands to the bathers in glad farewell.

There is no answer! Some sudden excitement has drawn the attention of all, and pleasure-seekers are forgotten; a cry arises from the shore, a wail of horror; men rush wildly down the steep path, a boat puts out at highest speed. The swimmer with the crimson sash has disappeared. To our minds, while we wait in terror, her words of the morning come again: "Oh, I love the ocean; it is so vast, so mighty!" It has proved its power! There are many to aid in the rescue, and our yacht moves slowly from the pier.

The sun is shining, the waters dancing as before. But over our spirits comes a darkening cloud and we are hushed in sudden awe. The tall, dark-eyed stranger has passed from our lives as suddenly as she came They are only hoping to find the body now. All day and through the night the search continues, while we are far away. It is sunset on the morrow when we return, and as the yacht touches the pier her flag falls to half-mast. Up from the shore moves a slow, sad procession, bearing in their midst one new victim to old Ocean's greed, and from beneath the dark covering we catch a crimson gleam.

The sun goes down; on the eastern horizon a rim of light appears. It grows larger, brighter; now a beam shines across the waters, forming a silver pathway o'er the deep. The moon, emerging large, fiery, from the waters, changes to a softer, clearer light. In the west appear the twinkling, changing rays of Gay Head Light. In the cottages the lamps are lighted, and the soft murmur of the waters soothes us, as the waves break gently at our feet. What stories they could tell us, these little whispering waves. What fury, what treachery, what pain, boundless as the deep itself.

E. L. Dean.

## THE TRUE IMPERIALISM.

[Prof. Walter E. Howard in Boston Transcript.]

O mighty Mistress of the wanton West,
Whose lavish empire feels the rolling tide
Of distant seas, and in whose wasteful, wide
And hollow spaces kingdoms still might rest,

Throw back thy wind-blown hair and o'er the crest
Of empire cast thy fearless eyes in pride
Of power, and be content there to abide
With lovely Peace thy pure and blessed guest.
Nor stain thy sinewy hands with vulgar spoil
Of braggart war, nor traffic with the gift
Of holy Liberty. Be this thy task, to lift
High on thy headlands Freedom's flame; thy toil
To rightly rule thyself, thy tempters foil,
And show the world God's justice sure and swift.

## KNOTS AND SNARLS.

What do you intend to do when through college? This is a question asked the Freshman when he returns home for his first vacation. The Sophomore lays it on the table for future consideration and holds a session for that purpose in his Junior year. It comes to the Senior and must be solved.

The first desire concerning his future coming to the mind of Young America is a vague hope that he will one day be president. He does not then think of the steps he must climb from grade to grade, from academy to college, to law school, to court room, from senate house to presidential chair. Studying his seven times one, he has no conception of the logician "throwing out" an a e o combination in the first figure because of a fallacy of the major term. As a rising Aristotle he fears little the problem of how to talk against time that he may baffle his opponents. And as senator he is not called upon to find for ponderous yet delicate problems solutions satisfactory to all nations. But as student, as logician, as senator he solves the peculiar problems, and, realizing his first aspiration, becomes president.

From the time of this first resolve of the Young Americas, they begin to go their several ways. One enters college. Beyond that he has no plan. Realizing the need of education in whatever pursuit, he trusts that ere the four years have passed a talent within him will have made itself known. His Latin preparation was poor. Here at the very start is a knot to unsnarl. With his first test paper in hand marked "E minus," what other conclusion can he draw than that Latin is not his hold. He labors diligently yet doggedly for two years, and in the third year surprises himself by electing Latin. He has straightened that snarl, and the Latin strand is wound upon his mental reel smoothly and without a knot.

What, meantime, of the strand of mathematics? At first he finds no serious snarls—only a few knots easily smoothed. He will be a mathematician, follow the subject until he can measure the distance from star to star as easily as he now measures from corner to corner of a tennis court. This he dreamed, but what a difference the reality. In winding this strand too upon his mind he comes ere many turns to a tangle of methods and formulas the very number of which he once would fail to count.

What shall he do? Wind on, snarls and all? He might, but further on come more snarls than this. To wind on is to fill his mind with a maze of confusion. He might break this cord and take up a line of Biology, Chemistry or Law. He might, but with such a principle he is no better off. for Biology has snarls no less than Mathematics, and Chemistry and Law no less than Biology.

Of what use is a brain filled with tangles of theorems and equations, with vague ideas of Karyokinesis or Homonomous Metomerism, with a jumble of Bocardo, Dokamok, Fokmafokf, or with a fumbled mixture of French, Latin, Greek and German verbs? To weave success from such a tangled skein as that would be as if a Master Weaver should try to form a smooth fabric with a shuttle wound with tangled threads.

As Young America meets these difficulties on every line, he begins to doubt the existence of any talents within him. Of these, too, he had dreamed, and in his dreams had seen the talents of the man gain for the man success. Again, he wonders what he will do when he has finished college. Before he knows that he must determine this—what to do with the tangles. What *will* he do with them? Untangle them? It can be done. It must be done. It is the only way to do. Pick out the tangles of each thread, and as he throws the smooth-wound shuttles back and forth between the warp of experience, from his loom will fall a smooth and flawless cloth of gold. He shall be satisfied He shall succeed. W. T. B.

## NOT SO BAD AS IT SEEMS.

PROF.—Which book of the Divine Comedy is most widely read?

STUDENT.—The second, I think.

PROF.—No, sir; the first.

STUDENT.—The Hell, you say.

# ALUMNI NEWS.

[Any alumni or others who have old programs, announcements or papers of college interest would confer a favor on the college by sending them to Prof. M. R. Sanford. In view of the coming centennial, it is desired to collect a series of articles which will be of interest to graduates and friends of the college.]

[Contributions to this column are solicited from the alumni of the college. We shall always be glad to hear from you. Literary articles, verse, but above all reminiscences and news of alumni are desired. We intend to make this department the prominent feature of the UNDERGRADUATE.]

[The alumni will render a great service to the management by notifying the Business Manager of a change of address, should there be any. We have several names whose changed address we have discovered by mere accident, and there may be others to whom we are sending papers wrongly directed. Such notification will also be of assistance to the editor in obtaining alumni news.]

'39. Edwin Everts of Virden, Ill., died July 15. An effort will be made to secure a sketch of his life for publication in a succeeding issue.

'39. T. K. Wright, in a letter enclosing a renewal for THE UNDERGRADUATE, gives some interesting information in regard to his class, from which we extract the following: "Nine years ago fourteen of the class of '39 were living. Seven were present at Middlebury to celebrate our semi-centennial. Three only now remain--Bradshaw of Ann Arbor, Mich., in his 87th year; Melvin Gray of St. Louis and myself in our 84th. Only seven members of the class reached 80 years Besides the three above mentioned they were Werden Reynolds of Green Bay, Wis., and Anson H. Parmelee of Phelps, N. Y., each nearly 84; Everts of Virden, Ill., and, I think, Lathrop Taylor of Illinois." His interesting epistle concludes with the following excellent suggestion, which we would like to see carried out: "I could wish that the surviving members of the alumni of Middlebury College who have reached 75 or 80 years would give in a few lines an epitome of their lives and send to the editor of THE UNDERGRADUATE. I would willingly join in a club of that kind."

'41. James Simmons is still actively engaged in literary pursuits. He has prepared and published one volume of the Wisconsin digest of Supreme Court reports and several volumes of the Official Reporter. Mr. Simmons is the only survivor of the class of '41. He hopes to be at the centennial.

'45. J. A. Bent has been engaged in farming for some years in Nebraska, where he owns large tracts of land. He is also raising fruit in Texas, near Houston, where he lives in winter.

'45. J. H. Barrett will soon publish a new book on Lincoln and the events of his presidency, containing letters, papers, incidents and anecdotes never before published. Mr. Barrett wrote the first biography of Abraham Lincoln, which had a sale of over 50,000 copies.

'45. Silas G. Randall writes an interesting reminiscence as follows: "It was my part to secure an address for our literary society. I secured Ralph Waldo Emerson. Walking along the village green, he said, 'How beautiful are these mountains;'—it seemed a breath from a higher world. In the address was this sentence: 'There is enough of God everywhere, but it is of no practical value until it is made up into man.' President Labaree said to me next day, 'Pantheism.' No doubt he thought it meant God, whereas it meant the great truth expressed. Fifty years have passed since that day. Now it would be better understood. I am in my eightieth year."

'46. Samuel N. Grout also passed his eightieth milestone July 5. Mr. Grout continues in good health, and in company with friends spent the summer in the Rocky Mountains at Pike's Peak, Colorado Springs, and north.

'51. At a recent meeting of the Synod of Tennessee, Dr Samue' W. Boardman was the retiring Moderator and preached on "The Episcopal Function in the Presbyterian Church." Also as chairman of the Committee on Bills and Overtures he introduced bills which were unanimously passed, creating a new presbytery; commending the raising of twenty scholarships of $1000 each for Maryville College; expressing gratification with the Czar's proposal of disarmament; approving a treaty of permanent arbitration between Great Britain and the United States and calling upon municipal government to enforce all existing laws in favor of temperance, virtue and Sabbath observance. Dr. Boardman's administration as president of Maryville College has been very successful. The institution has received about $300,000, six new buildings have been erected and several professors and teachers added. The present enrollment is over two hundred and fifty.

'63–non-grad. Frank G. Butterfield was an active member of the Vermont House of Representatives during the last session.

'63. R. S. Holmes made the opening prayer at the anniversary of the founding of the Pittsburg Institute.

'64. President Brainerd has an entertaining and instructive article in the current number of *Education* on "The Significance of Some Familiar Names of Persons and Places." It is written in a sprightly, discursive style, and while it makes no pretence to an exhaustive treatment of the subject, it nevertheless evidences quite extended research. The author divides his subject into two main branches, names of persons and names of places, and the former he subdivides into given names and surnames. Under the first head he makes some pertinent remarks relative to the naming of children. What a pity it is that, as he states, "The choice is rarely determined by the significance of the name, but by such considerations as these:—Does the name sound well; has it agreeable associations; or shall we honor the baby's rich uncle by naming the child after him?" In that Utopian age the idealist dreams of a committee of skilled etymologists, appointed by the state, will doubtless have the choosing of the cognomens that its citizens must bear through life. That portion of the article dealing with the origin and meaning of surnames is especially interesting, as it discusses so many of the names of well-known families of this vicinity. We are also glad to learn the cause of the multiplicity of Smiths. We believe it was Matthew Arnold who, riding across New York state, was induced to make certain sarcastic remarks regarding the good taste of the party of surveyors who are credited with sprinkling that strip of country with classical names. Apparently, our author entertains no such ill feeling toward those lovers of ancient Greece and Rome. Nor, perhaps, would Mr. Arnold have felt so, had he been connected with the government postoffice department, where variety and originality in names are at a premium. Dr. Brainerd's article is well worth the reading, both for the entertainment it affords and for the information it gives.

'66—non-grad. Col. T. M. Chapman was elected High Sheriff of Addison county this fall by a large majority.

'68. P. F. Burke was the director of the recent meeting of the Champlain Valley Teachers' Association. President Brainerd was present and spoke on several topics.

'68. Gamaliel L. Jones is living at Lake Park, Minn. Mr. Jones is secretary of his church for the state and was chairman of the Republican executive committee during the last campaign.

'69. C. F. Stone was the Democratic candidate for governor at the last election in New Hampshire.

'69. Dr. Rufus C. Flagg, president of Ripon College, has been very successful in raising $50,000 for a new science building in that institution.

'71. E. H. Bottum is mentioned for United States senator from Wisconsin. He has practiced law in Milwaukee since 1873.

'76. Thomas E. Boyce has been reappointed county examiner of teachers

'80. Hazen M. Parker was a candidate to represent the forty-first district in the Minnesota legislature. The district is strongly Republican, having a normal Republican majority of 1200, but Mr. Parker was able to reduce this to about 400.

'83. A Cleveland paper is at hand describing the dedication of a new Congregational church edifice in that city in the pastorate of Rev. Claude M. Severance. The church was organized by Rev and Mrs. Severance in July, 1897, and has now about a hundred members.

'85. The October *Critic* contains a short article by Rev. Gerald S. Lee on "A Rule for Humor."

'89–non-grad. Wm. K. Dunton of Rutland was married last June.

'90. L. H. Ross received his diploma from the Harvard Medical College last spring, and is now practicing in Bennington.

'91. I. E. Pinney has accepted the pastorate of a Congregational church in Lida, Minn.

'91. Thomas H. Noonan is engaged in general law practice in Buffalo, N. Y. He is a member of the Independent Club of that city and secretary of the Buffalo Society of Vermonters.

'92. Dr. B. D. Colby of Whiting has matriculated for a course in philosophy and English literature leading to A. M.

'94. H. H. Seely is now in the Boston City Hospital.

'94. A. A. Sargent has been recently admitted to the Vermont State Bar.

'96. C. E. Fitzpatrick has been admitted to the bar.

'96. Carl M. Merrill, who graduated from the New York Law School last June and was recently ad-

mitted to the bar in New York state, has gone to Glens Falls, N. Y., where he will begin practicing law with the firm of Potter & Kellogg.

'96. The marriage of Frank N. Davis and Miss Abbie E. Tenney occurred Oct. 1, at the home of the bride's parents at Mendon, Vt. Mr. Davis is now filling another term as the Mendon representative in the Vermont State Legislature.

'96. James E. Goodman has entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania. As a result of a competitive examination among a large number of c ndidates, Mr. Goodman was awarded one of three scholarships of $300 each.

'97. Miss Mary A. Towle is teaching at Montauk, Long Island.

# OBITUARY.

## WILLIAM FRANCIS ALDEN.

The death of William Francis Alden of the class of 1889, at Tilton, N. H., Oct. 29, 1898, has brought deep grief to his many friends. He was born in Windsor, Conn., Nov. 36, 1866, being the oldest child of William Seymour and Alesia Miranda (Himes) Alden. The family removed to Leicester, Vt., soon after his birth, and in March, 1873, they came to Middlebury. Mr. Alden passed through the high school and immediately entered college, where he graduated in 1889. He then studied law a year in the office of F. G. Swinington of Rutland, while waiting for a civil service appointment in Washington, an examination for which he had taken on graduation from college. He was appointed to a clerkship in the census bureau in Washington in 1890, and a few months later obtained a permanent clerkship in the pension office; here he was advanced by degrees to a responsible position. He had continued the study of law meanwhile in the law school of the National University at Washington. After graduating he was admitted to practice in the supreme court of the District of Columbia July 8, 1892. He took a post-graduate course in the National University and received the degree of LL.M.

He contracted a severe cold in the spring of 1897; this developed into pneumonia and a lung trouble. On returning to work he was detailed as a special examiner of pensions in Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, and then Florida, in which latter state he spent the winter of 1897–8. Last May, by his expressed wish, he was transferred to Concord, N. H., where his family were with him during the summer as much as his duties permitted. He worked diligently until the morning of Oct. 29, and died in the afternoon of the same day. The funeral services were held at Leicester, Vt., Nov. 2, Rev. J. G. Gooding officiating. Prof. H. M. Seely of Middlebury also made some very feeling remarks.

Mr. Alden married Miss Marion Eleanor Perry of Washington Sept. 9, 1891. Two children were born to them; the younger one, Marion Priscilla, and his wife survive him.

Mr. Alden was a diligent and careful student; he was conscientious in the class-room and active in his sports. He regarded his instructors with affection and of en spoke of his debt to them. He had many friends wherever he went, for it was not difficult to recognize his sterling integrity and manliness. His Christian character was conspicuous. He was faithful in attendance at church as a schoolboy, active in the college Y. M. C. A. and a class leader in the Methodist Epi-copal church in Washington which he attended. As has been said by another, he wanted the right thing done wherever he was. He had an ideally happy home, he was a thoughtful and helpful Christian friend. We can have no hesitancy in answering Priscilla's question: "Will little brother open the gates of heaven when papa comes?"

This fragmentary record of a noble life the friends of Mr. Alden will fill out for themselves, recalling what he was to them, a person always loyal to the right, firm for everything he thought good, a strong, loving, helpful Christian man.

The Middlebury chapter of the Delta Upsilon fraternity has passed the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, our brother, William Francis Alden of the class of '89, has lately passed away; and

WHEREAS, The Middlebury chapter of Delta Upsilon fraternity thereby sustains the loss of one of its most earnest and loyal alumni, a brother of sterling qualities and rare natural gifts, and above all a sincere whole-souled Christian gentleman,

*Resolved*, That we extend to his sorrowing family and friends our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement;

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be inscribed on the records of the chapter and published in the fraternity, college and local publications.

DONALD HURLBURT,
A. BUSH WILLMARTH,
DAVID F. CLARK,
} Committee.

Also the following resolutions were adopted at a special meeting of the Sunday School Board of Hamline M. E. church, held Nov. 5, 1898:

WHEREAS, it has pleased our loving and all-wise Heavenly Father to call unto himself our beloved brother, William F. Alden; and

WHEREAS, he was for several years a faithful and earnest member of our Sunday school, as scholar, teacher, and assistant superintendent,

*Resolved*, That while our hearts are filled with deep grief at the departure from this world of one whose consecrated and useful life was ever an inspiration to us, we bow in humble submission to the will of Him whose love never changeth and who orders all things for the good of his children;

*Resolved*, That we gladly bear testimony to the intelligence, the steadfast loyalty to his convictions of right, the conscientious discharge of duty, the large-heartedness and generosity, the uniform good nature and the Christian character of our deceased brother;

*Resolved*, That we extend to the bereaved family and relatives our deepest sympathy in this their time of affliction, and pray that the God of all comfort may sustain them and grant them his abiding presence. We look forward with them to the glad day when the broken ties shall again be united and when that which now seems dark shall be made plain;

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be spread upon the records, and that copies be sent to the wife and relatives of the deceased.

E. W. MORGAN,
J. W. DAVIS,
M. A. WATSON,
Committee on Resolutions.

# AMONG THE SOCIETIES.

## CHI PSI.

The annual initiation was held on the evening of Oct. 14, when the following members of the class of 1902 were received: James Hovey, F. A. Hughes, G. W. Roberts, C. L. Seiple, J. E. Thompson and F. D. Woodruff.

The banquet occurred on the evening of Nov. 16, at the Addison House, with Thaddeus M. Chapman, '66, as toastmaster.

THE TOAST-LIST.

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| The Ideal Statesman, | L. R. Howard, '99 |
| Chi Psi and the Man, | Guy B. Horton, 1900 |
| Our Fair Friends, | F. H. Bryant, 1900 |
| The Greatest Admiral, | Roy Stearns, 1901 |
| Alpha Mu of the Future, | J. E. Thompson, 1902 |
| The Chi Psis of 1902, | C. L. Seiple, 1902 |
| Alpha Mu of the Present, | Carl Merrill, '96 |

There were also several informal toasts by the alumni present.

## DELTA KAPPA EPSILON.

The annual initiation banquet was held at the Addison on the evening of Friday, Oct. 28. The initiates were G. W. White, 1901, and D. A. Burke, J. R. Duffield, F. B. Miner, A. C. Sheldon and J. A. Wilcox of the class of 1902. A large number of alumni were present.

## DELTA UPSILON.

The initiation was held Friday evening, Oct. 14. The initiates were E. A. Baker, L. R. Noble, F. A. Simmons, W. J. Stone and C. A. Voetsch, all of the Freshman class. The annual banquet followed at the Addison House.

THE TOAST-LIST.

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| Toastmaster, | L. A. Brown, '97 |
| Ideal Young Men of To-day, | H. F. Lake, '99 |
| Welcome, | F. J. Bailey, 1901 |
| Our Aim, | E. A. Baker, 1902 |
| Music, | Delta U. Octette |
| The Delta U. Girl, | Wm. T. Barnard, 1900 |
| In College Halls, | F. W. Cady, '99 |
| Delta Upsilon, | J. E. Parker, 1901 |
| Informal Toasts. | |

## Delta Upsilon Convention.

The sixty-fourth annual convention of the Delta Upsilon fraternity was held with the Pennsylvania chapter at Philadelphia, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 20, 21 and 22. Cady and Stone, '99, Allen, Barnard, Botsford and Wheeler, 1900, and Benton and Stafford, 1901, represented the Middlebury Chapter. Judge E. B. Sherman, '60, was present in his official capacity of president. On the evening of the 20th a "Smoker" was held with the Pennsylvania Chapter. On the following evening the party witnessed "The Jolly Musketeer" at the Broad Street Theater. The Houston Club-house was thrown open to the fraternity on Friday afternoon, and later there occurred a car ride to Swarthmore chapter. A banquet was held at "The Aldine" on Friday evening.

At this convention a charter was granted to the Omicron Nu fraternity of McGill University, Montreal, to become the McGill Chapter of Delta Upsilon. A charter was also granted to the Tau Delta Omicron fraternity of the University of Nebraska to become the Nebraska Chapter of Delta Upsilon.

Lake, '99, and Parker, 1901, represented the Middlebury society of Delta Upsilon at the installation of the new chapter at McGill University, Montreal, P. Q., Nov. 11.

An informal reception was given to a goodly number of the College young women at the rooms Friday evening, Dec. 1. Professor and Mrs. Wright were present as chaperons.

### ALPHA CHI.

Alpha Zeta of Alpha Chi held its annual initiation and banquet on Friday evening, Nov. 18. The following persons were initiated: Grace E. James, 1901, and Elizabeth Bowles, Mabel A. Ryder, Nellie E. Baker, Mary W. Hall, and Elizabeth A. Williams of the Freshman class.

THE TOAST-LIST.

Vive L'Alpha Chi.

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| Toastmistress, | Mildred Grace Potter, '99 |
| Ideals, | Sarah Scoles, '99 |
| Loyalty, | Alice May Smith, 1900 |
| Alma Mater, | Anna B. Sheldon, '92 |
| Unity, | Constance Fannie Barker, 1900 |
| Friendship, | Elizabeth Augusta Williams, 1902 |
| Man, | Lena Berneice Thomas, 1901 |
| Secrecy, | Mary Annette Anderson, '99 |
| Alumnæ, | Blossom Palmer Bryant, '91 |

### PI BETA PHI.

On the afternoon of Thanksgiving day eleven members of Vermont Alpha chapter of Pi Beta Phi went to Burlington to be present at the establishment of Vermont Beta at the University of Vermont. Misses Martha Luther, Boston University, '99, and Annis Sturgis, Middlebury, '99, who had gone up the day before, assisted Miss Ada Hurlburt, Middlebury, ex-'97, now U. V. M. '99, in installing the new chapter. The initiates were thirteen in number. Following the initiation a sumptuous banquet was served in the new Waverly Dining Hall.

At an early hour on the morning of Dec. 3 the members of Vermont Alpha of Pi Beta Phi gathered at their rooms for their annual initiation. Two members of the Freshman class, Misses Anna K. Deuel and Edith F. Barrett, were then initiated. In the evening of the same day the banquet was held in the Pharetra. The toasts were as follows:

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| Toastmistress, | Rena I. Bisbee, 1900 |
| The Target, | Florence M. Andrews, 1900 |
| We '02, | Anna K. Deuel, 1902 |
| Pi Phi Songs, | Florence J. Walker, 1901 |
| Little Archer Cupid, | Dorothy M. Graves, 1901 |
| I. C. Cat, | Nellie I. Button, 1901 |
| A Royal Charger, | Sara V. Mann, 1900 |
| I. C. Days, | Mary W. Brainerd |
| Daybreak, | Edith F. Barrett, 1902 |
| Years Four—No More, | Florence C. Allen, '98 |
| Absent Arrows, | Augusta M. Kelley, '99 |

# CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS.

## Y. W. C. A. NOTES.

The second week of October was observed universally as week of prayer for young women. The observance in this college began with a sermon for young women by Rev. A. W. Dickens. At the regular association meeting of the week, seven new members were received.

Miss Bertha Condé, who is traveling among the New England colleges under the direction of the International Committee, was with us Oct. 25–29. Only one mass meeting was held, but there were several informal services. A reception was given Miss Condé at Battell Hall.

Two missionary meetings have been held. One had for its subject "Systematic Giving." The other was devoted to some local work which probably will be undertaken in the near future.

The Mission Study class is well under way, two regular meetings having been held. The course on China promises to be an interesting one. The class numbers thirteen.

Mrs. Eaton has presented the association with a chart bearing the Lord's Prayer in various languages.

## Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

In the Y. M. C. A. work of this year we see much that is very encouraging. To be sure, in the class of '98 we lost some very faithful, earnest workers, but those who did come back took up the work aggressively, and a very effective fall campaign was conducted with the result that over half the men in the Freshman class are enrolled as active members.

The enthusiasm which our two delegates to Northfield, Smith, '99, and Horton, 1900, brought back with them has spread among the members generally and in the efforts for better work which are continually being made, we see the promise of a successful year. The attendance at the devotional meetings is certainly very good, and the meetings themselves are very interesting and helpful. Monthly missionary meetings are to be held, and the method of "systematic giving" has already been inaugurated with what seems to be very good results. The greatest triumph, however, of the fall is the beginning of a Bible Study class upon a firm basis. The need of such a thing

has long been felt, but not till this term has it been established. Owing to the untiring efforts of Mr. Smith, who especially investigated this matter at Northfield, a class of about twelve are taking up "Sharman's Life of Christ." Mr. Smith is himself leader, and the studies are proving themselves a source of great interest and profit to each one who is taking them up. While thus there are many things to encourage us in the Y. M. C. A., there are also the discouraging elements. There is the feeling that while the association means much to many men, this number as yet is not large enough. We can only hope that in the coming months the claims of the Christian life may be presented in so attractive and true a light that many will be persuaded to confess our common Master before men.

Mr. Vinton of Brown University, class of '96, representing the Student Volunteer movement, visited the Christian associations Nov. 16–18, and from the kindly, tactful advice and help which he gave us, we expect to see good results.

The officers for this year are: President, H. F. Lake, '99; vice-president, Guy B. Horton; treasurer, E. C. Bingham, '99, and secretary, W. T. Barnard, 1900.

## THE GLEE CLUB.

Middlebury has not been able to boast a glee club for two years; but this fall an abundance of musical material makes such a thing once more possible. On Nov. 2 the successful candidates met in the chapel, and the Middlebury College Glee Club for the season of 1898–9 was organized, with Donald P. Hurlburt, '99, as leader, and George W. Stone, '99, as manager. The personnel of the club as it now exists numbers fourteen, the parts being distributed as follows: First tenor, L. R. Howard, '99, E. C. Bingham, '99, C. A. Voetsch, 1902; second tenor, S. B. Botsford, 1900, W. M. Barnard, 1901, F. A. Simmons, 1902; first bass, W. B. Richmond, '99, D. P. Hurlburt, '99, W. T. Barnard, 1900, J. E. Parker, 1901; second bass, G. W. Stone, '99, D. F. Clark, 1901, J. E. Thompson, 1902; accompanist, G. W. Roberts, 1902. The club is practicing four nights a week, and excellent progress is being made The first concert was given at New Haven Dec. 9, under the auspices of Beeman Academy. A concert will be given in Middlebury the first of next term, which, according to present indications, will be the best glee club concert ever given in the town. A tour of some of the principal towns of this state and Eastern New York is now being arranged by the manager.

## LIBRARY NOTES.

The library equipment has been increased by the purchase of a new Hammond typewriter for the use of the librarian and the editors of the General Catalogue.

As will be observed in our list of "recent accessions," the library has received some notable additions to several of its departments. Especially is this true of the departments of German, Physics and Botany.

### Recent Accessions.

Gladden. Seven puzzling Bible books.

James, ed. Logan monument memorial.

Palmer. Inebriety, its source, prevention and cure.

Student missionary appeal.

Kerner von Marilaun. Natural history of plants, 4 vols.

List of subject headings for catalogues.

Lord Kelvin. Elements of natural philosophy.

——— Treatise on natural philosophy, 2 parts.

Nichols. Elements of physics, 3 vols.

Preston. Theory of light.

——— Theory of heat.

Lord Rayleigh. Theory of sound, 2 vols.

Cabot. Memoir of Ralph Waldo Emerson, 2 vols.

Fiske. American political ideas.

Blackie. Lays and legends of ancient Greece.

Conington, trans. Poems of Virgil translated into English prose.

Lowndes. Michel de Montaigne.

Lane Latin grammar for schools and colleges.

Crawford. Ave Roma immortalis, 2 vols.

Gray. Letters, 2 vols

Garrison. William Lloyd Garrison, 4 vols.

Smith, Goldwin. The moral crusader, William Lloyd Garrison,

Norton. Divine comedy of Dante Alighieri, 3 vols.

——— New life of Dante Alighieri.

Wilbrandt. Die Rhotenburger.

——— Gesprache und monologe.

Freytag. Bilder, 5 vols.

Wildenbruch. Meister von Tanagra.
Sudermann. Heimat.
——— Frau Sorge.
Von Kleist. Werke, 2 vols.
Kirchner. Deutsche nationalliteratur des 19 jahrheit.
Bailey. Sketch of the evolution of our native fruits.
Baynes. Shakespeare studies and Essay on English dictionaries.

# LOCALS.

A number of the students went home to cast their votes in the recent election.

Lawrence, 1901, is teaching in Brooksville. He will return to college in the spring.

Professor Howard has been reappointed member of the Board of Normal School Examiners.

The college year will hereafter be shortened one week and the summer vacation made that much longer.

Professor Henckels has had to omit some of his recitations lately on account of the severe illness of his daughter.

Houghton, former member of the class of 1900, is about the college often He is engaged in selling nursery stock.

S. B. Botsford, 1900, has been obliged to leave college on account of illness. He hopes to be able to return in January.

Professor Howard delivered his lecture on "A Pair of Puritans" before the Chittenden County Teachers' Association a short time ago.

Several informal dances have been given by both the Chi Psi and Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternities and more are scheduled to follow.

The Sophomore class have elected officers as follows: President, J. E. Parker; vice-president, Miss Cornish; secretary, Miss Smith.

The Senior Class officers are: President, H. F. Lake; vice-president, Miss Sturgis; secretary, Miss Southwick; treasurer, C. O. Smith.

Misses Florence Allen, '98, Florence Walker, 1901, and Anna Deuel, 1902, were the guests of Miss Lena Roseman, '96, of Bristol during the recess.

Quite an extent of concrete walks have been put in the village, and the highway from the Congregational church to the station has been macadamized.

The material equipment of the Biological Laboratory has been increased by the purchase of a latest improved microtome with freezing attachment.

President Brainerd and Professor Eaton represented the college at the meeting of the Association of New England Colleges held in Burlington recently.

The officers of the Junior class are: President, Guy B. Horton; vice-president, Miss Rena Bisbee; secretary, Miss W. L. Taft; treasurer, Miss Ethel Bates.

President Brainerd has charge of the College Bible class at the Congregational church this year. With Professor Sanford's class at the Methodist church, no one need be without biblical instruction.

At the invitation of Lieut. Frank W. Smith, brother of Miss Alice Smith, 1900, Messrs. Stone, '99, and Barnard, 1900, while in Philadelphia a short time ago, dined and passed the night aboard the United States revenue ship Algonquin. They report the experience novel and their entertainment royal.

The class of 1901 held a "feed" at the home of Miss James in Weybridge on the evening of Nov. 8. The Freshmen were totally unaware of the affair until their rivals were safely out of town. Some of the Freshmen followed them, but were unable to accomplish anything. The Sophomores returned at a late hour, after a most enjoyable evening.

Affairs between the two lower classes have been especially quiet this fall, but the brilliant achievement of the Freshmen in outwitting their rivals and holding their banquet on the evening of Nov. 3, aroused excitement enough to well make up. While the Sophomores were at their afternoon recitation the Freshmen quietly slipped away to the station, where they took the mail for the north. At Beldens the party left the train and a class picture was taken. On the arrival of the mixed train they again embarked, and passing through here without molestation arrived safely at Brandon, where the banquet was held at the Brandon Inn. A number of the Sophomores followed, but were unable to accomplish anything beyond the

capture of a few hats. The Freshmen returned on the sleeper after an enjoyable banquet. Following is the toast list:

Toastmaster, J. E. Thompson

Address, F. A. Simmons

"My lord shall never rest;
I'll watch him tame, and talk him out."

"The Turkey Club," F. A. Hughes

"No ear can hear, no tongue can tell
The tortures of that inward hell."—*Bristol.*

Poem, Miss E. A. Williams

"I left no calling for this idle trade,
No duty broke, no Sophomore disobeyed."

Equine Studies, G. W. Roberts

"He bids the nimble hours
Bring forth the steeds: the nimble hours obey.
From their book-racks the generous steeds give way."

The Gentlemen, Miss N. E. Baker

"We freely told you all the wealth we had
Ran in our veins. We are gentlemen."

The Sophomores, E. A. Baker

"All our glory extinct, and happy state
Here swallowed up in endless misery."

Knots, J. A. Wilcox

"Odds life! must one swear to the truth of a song?"

Oration, J. R. Duffield

"He mouths a sentence as curs mouth a bone."

"Prexie," P. Wilds

"And she forgave me that I gazed
Too fondly on her face."

The Ladies, L. R. Noble

"Ye gods! But she is wondrous fair;
And I, so plain a man am I!"

Prophecy, Miss A. K. Deuel

"No mighty trance or breathed spell
Inspires the pale-eyed priestess from the prophetic cell."

## THE COLLEGE WORLD.

Yale numbers 2205 in all departments, eight less than last year.

Of the ninety men in the United States Senate, fifty-three are college-bred men.

The University of Chicago on Oct. 16 conferred the degree of Doctor of Laws upon President McKinley.

There are in the United States 451 colleges. This does not include the 115 medical schools and the 50 law schools. Of these 26 have a faculty of more than 100 members, and 38 other universities and colleges have faculties ranging from 50 to 100.

The following is very applicable to our own situation:

We have boiled the hydrant water;
We have sterilized the milk;
We have strained the prowling microbe
Through the finest kind of silk;
We have bought and we have borrowed
Every patent health device,
And at last the doctors tell us
That we've got to boil the ice! —*Ex.*

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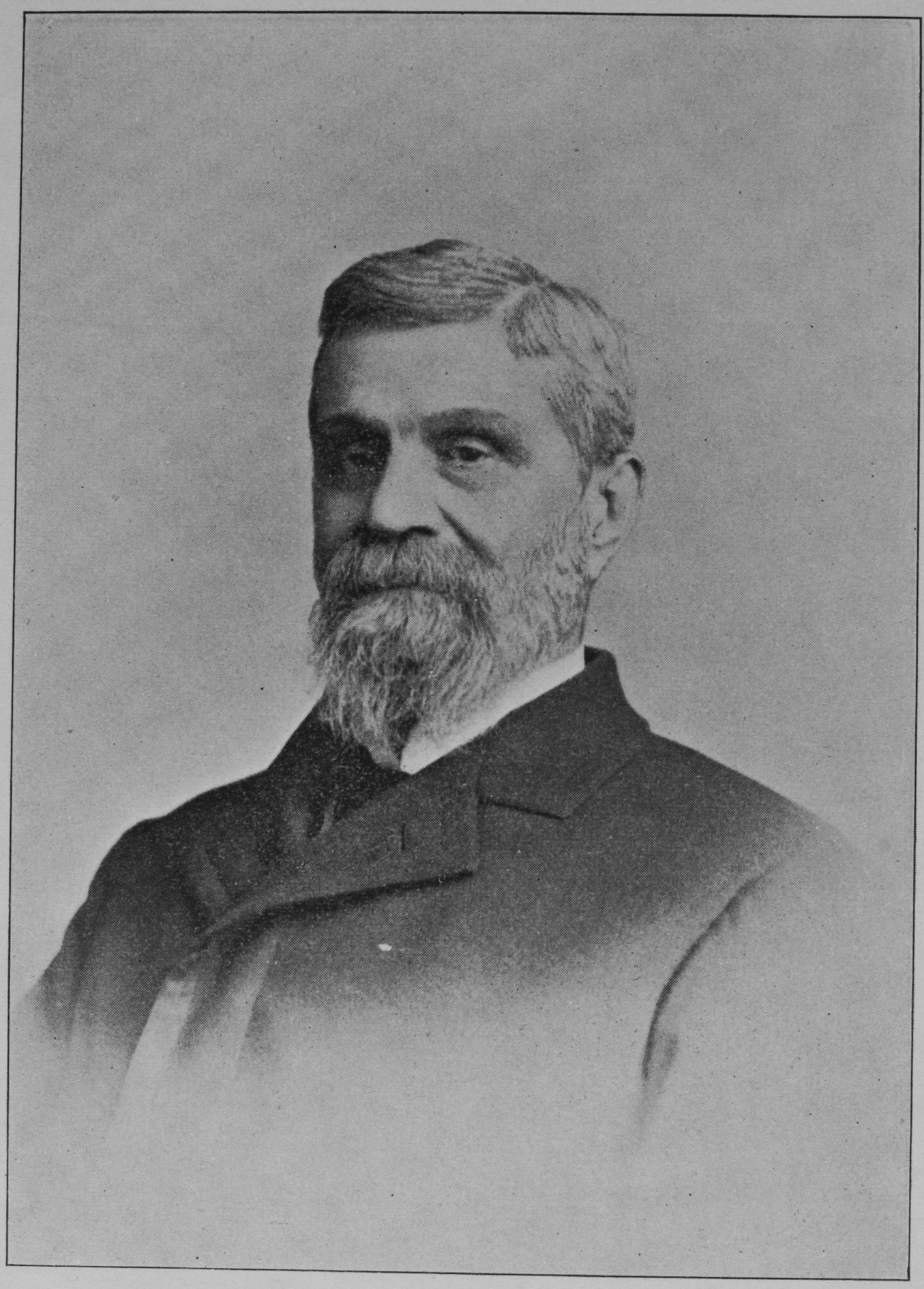

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